FISCAL NOTE

SB 704 - HB 1530

March 20, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the Tennessee Commission on Indian Affairs to be administered and attached to the Department of Environment and Conservation, as follows:

- the Commission will consist of at least seven members who shall serve without compensation and meetings shall be held on Saturdays at least quarterly. The location of meetings shall rotate among cities of Memphis, Nashville, Chattanooga and Knoxville.
- notice of meetings shall be given 10 days prior in writing to all Native American organizations in Tennessee that has requested such notification. Notice shall be given by mail and email, if available. The commission shall also place notice of its meeting times and places on the web-site of the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs. The minutes of the meetings shall be placed on the web-site within one 100 days of the meeting.
- the Commission, subject to state appropriations or other funds, is authorized to employ an executive director.
- all program and data administered by the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs
 prior to the effective date of this act, shall be transferred to and administered by
 the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs.
- all staff, staff positions, offices, equipment, supplies, property, facilities, funds and other resources of any program under the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs shall be transferred to the Tennessee Commission of Indian Affairs.
- the commission is authorized to receive, administer, allocate, disburse and supervise any grants and funds from sources, including, but not limited to the federal, state, county and municipal governments on a state, regional, county or any other basis wit respect to any programs or responsibilities.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$54,364 Recurring \$5,600 One-Time

Estimate assumes an increase in state expenditures for travel of the Commission members and to employ an executive director.

For information purposes the former Commission of Indian Affairs established in 1983 by Public Chapter 425 was terminated on June 30, 2001.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director